Territories, about 12 crores children have been targeted for coverage under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for which Rs. 3010.76 crores have been allocated.

(b) and (c) No. Only some stray instances are reported from time to time caused on account of lack of proper precaution with regard to hygiene and cleanliness.

(d) and (e) Cooked mid-day meal, prepared with due regard to hygiene, wholesomeness and nutrition has distinct advantages over cash incentive which is liable to be used for purposes other than nutrition.

Report on expenditure on education

784. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to raise public spending on education has given its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of decisions taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Report has been received. It has quantified the funds requirement for education sector so as to reach the public expenditure on education to the level of 6% of GDP. The report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Vision document of the technical institutions

785. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven technical institutions selected for the upgradation to the status of the existing IITs had submitted their "vision documents" around eight-months back;

(b) if so, the reaction of AICTE panel on these documents; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon?